Rosanne Edenhart-Pepe

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:13 AM

Subject:

Open proceedings are a necessity

Rosanne Edenhart-Pepe 121 Lisette Rd Richboro, PA 18954

May 27, 2003

Commissioner Michael Copps Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

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In addition, it is my opinion that without multiple INDEPENDENT eyes, ears, and voices reporting INDEPENDENTLY on events, not only is the quality of media coverage diminished but public trust in that coverage is sacrificed as well. Without INDEPENDENCE of various media forms there is less possibility of verification of truth, which should be the hallmark of good journalism. Please don't squander what remains of an individual citizen's access to a balanced perspective on events in the name of allowing large media corporations "the right" to gobble up independent voices.

Sincerely,

Rosanne Edenhart-Pepe, Ph.D.

Christopher McKinley

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:13 AM

Subject:

healthy democratic dialogue and participation

Christopher McKinley 486 Shawmut Avenue, Unit 2 Boston, MA 02118

May 27, 2003

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Christopher M. McKinley

Larry Feil

To:

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Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:13 AM

Subject:

Open Debate to the Public

Larry Feil 197 circle Drive Herrin, IL 62948

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larry Feil

Michelle Berry

To: Date: Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:13 AM

Subject:

protect our democracy!!!

Michelle Berry 800 Beechmont Dearborn, MI 48124-1569

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Michelle Berry

Heather Baum

To: Date: Michael Copps

Subject:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:13 AM Protect the Public Airways

Heather Baum 1164 Palace Avenue St. Paul, MN 55105

May 27, 2003

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My husband and I believe that concentration of ownership of of media has already proven tohave a profoundly negative affect on the access Americans have to news and information. Further concentration puts democracy at risk.

Changing media ownership rules could seriously affect vigorous public debate on the serious issues facing America today. It will also limit local access to media. It is the FCC's job to protect our access to information, not to maximize the bottom line for corporations.

Rulemaking of this significance should therefore be open to public comment. It is imperative that there be the widest possible comment on any proposed rule so the Commission can learn how Americans think about this

The airways are a public assett. We urge you to protect the American peoples resource. Please fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue by allowing hearings and public comment.

Sincerely,

Heather Baum

Jordan Chadwick

To:

Michael Copps

Date: Subject: Tue, May 27, 2003 9:13 AM STOP THE FCC GIVEAWAY!

Jordan Chadwick PO Box 152 Great Falls,, VA 22066

May 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

Jordan

**BLAKE HARRISON** 

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:13 AM

Subject:

WIDEN THE RANGE DON'T NARROW IT!

BLAKE HARRISON 7320 CROWN POINT ROAD OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73132

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**BLAKE HARRISON** 

Marcia Don

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:13 AM

Subject:

Don't cut off our access to diverse opinions!

Marcia Don 15344 So. Thayer Rd. Oregon City , OR 97045-9379

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Marcia Don

Ruth Sergel

To: Date: Michael Copps Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

Freedom!

Ruth Sergel 5 Rivington St New York, NY 10002-1228

May 27, 2003

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Tess Clark

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

Truly Free Speech

Tess Clark 837 Brooks Avenue Venice, CA 90291-3426

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Ann Bracken

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

More open hearings

Ann Bracken 11243A Skilift Ct Columbia, MD 21044-4048

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Anne Hockens

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

**FCC** 

Anne Hockens 13717 Linden Ave. N. #107 Seattle, WA 98133

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Anne Hockens

John Webb

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

Don't ease the FCC regulations - the free press is the cornerstone of our republic

John Webb 4706 Southern Ave., SE Albuquerque, NM 87108

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joshua rome

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

joshua rome 44 crittenden hill rd shelburne falls, MA 01370

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joshua rome

John Gebhardt

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

Giving away the public airwaves to monopolists

John Gebhardt 305 East 24 Street Apt. 4C New York, NY 10010-4022

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John C. Gebhardt

Maryann Krieglstein

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

Public hearings are needed in a democracy

Maryann Krieglstein 147 S. Ellyn Ave Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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Maryann Krieglstein

Steven Zoncki

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

Request Further Public Comment

Steven Zoncki 1217 Luthy Circle Albuquerque, NM 87112

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Michael Dean

To:

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Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

**Public Hearings** 

Michael Dean 1011B SE23PL CAPE CORAL, FL 33990-1957

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Mich ael Dean

Hillary Goldstein Michael Copps

To: Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

RE: Allow Public Comments

Hillary Goldstein 3327 Dew Point Lane Sugar Land, TX 77479-2234

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Hillary Goldstein

Michelle McHugh

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:14 AM

Subject:

Allow The Public To Make The Choice!

Michelle McHugh 624 60th PL S Birmingham, AL 35212-3724

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Michelle McHugh

Lynda Frey

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:16 AM

Subject:

Free Speech

Lynda Frey P. O. Box 193 The Rock, GA 30285-0193

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Lynda Frey

Barbara L. Bell

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 9:16 AM

Subject:

Free Speech

Barbara L. Bell 20 Trafton Street Sanford, ME 04073

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Sharon Epperson

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 11:02 AM

Subject:

regulation change

Michel Copps

**FCC Commissioner** 

Please maintain the rules now in place which prevent one person or corporation from gaining too much media control.

To allow corporation giants to gain control of media outlets will end diversity of opinion and drive the public to get information from the Internet where they can access foreign news coverage. Surely this is not the intent of the FCC -- to strangle our own American voices. The foundation of a democracy is an informed citizenry. What will we become if we can trust only foreign news?

Sharon Epperson 4355 Beekman PL Sarasota, FL 34235

Rifino Valentine

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 11:37 AM

Subject:

<No Subject>

i strongly oppose the loosening of the fcc restrictions on station ownership. thank you, rifino valentine

Do you Yahoo!?

The New Yahoo! Search - Faster. Easier. Bingo.

Grant R. Fry

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 11:56 AM

Subject:

Serious concerns

The 2nd of June is the scheduled time for your collective discussion on broadcast ownership rules. Over the past century efforts have repeatedly been made to force people to purchase specific products including thoughts and ideas. True Americans when made aware of such mind control efforts have rejected those efforts conclusively. Our Founding Fathers provided us the means to reject attempts at mind-control. We proudly proclaim to the world that we do have free speech and the right to choose. By opening up the "monopoly box" on radio and television stations to some of the giant media conglomerates, we as a nation would be severely penalized. What is apparent to the most blind among us is that if only a few people control the editorial content and slant on "news," this bastion of American freedoms will be in serious jeopardy. I urge you to heed the intent and spirit of the Founding Fathers and reject the notion to change current policy. Change will NOT be for the betterment of the nation and our way of life. Thank you.

Grant R. Fry

sandra gootee

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 1:54 PM

Subject:

<No Subject>

Do not change broadcast ownership rules. Thank you

STOP MORE SPAM with the new MSN 8 and get 2 months FREE\* http://join.msn.com/?page=features/junkmail

Gblw1@aol.com

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 2:57 PM

Subject:

Proposed New FCC Regs

#### Dear Chairman Powell:

I urge you to permit the public to be given further opportunity to provide their views about the proposed new regulations impacting the concentration of media ownership.

While you are likely to know the views that will be presented, a 60 day delay will at least give much of the public the feeling that they have been listened to by their government. A 60 day delay and the holding of further public hearings will not adversely impact the public interest in any way that I can think of.

Hopefully, you will reconsider your position. The perception that some members of the FCC are arrogant public servants who are in the pockets of the big media giants may not change for everyone, but denying an extended opportunity for public comment will bring new support to objectors. It is not the time in history to further undermine public confidence in appointed or elected officials.

Thank you for considering my thoughts. Gene Brandzel Seattle Copy - FCC Commissioners

CC:

Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

Ryan Horstmyer

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 3:08 PM

Subject:

Correction

I now recall that the radio industry has already been deregulated and I see the negative effects of such deregulation already.

What the FCC should oppose is the ability of a single company to own multiple media outlets in a single market, whether they be radio, television or newspaper.

Please preserve the diversity and quality of America's press. Americans will remain ignorant but not free, if big businesses are determined to control this nation's news distribution system.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ryan V. Horstmyer

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To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 3:27 PM

Subject:

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### The honorable Michael J. Copps

The purpose of this e-mail, is to encourage you not to support the proposed relaxing of Broadcast ownership rules, for several reasons.

- -It could mean the end of public debate on the air and in newspapers.
- -It could mean that a few companies could monopolize the entire media and determine what viewpoints could be heard.
- -It could mean that independent voices would be snuffed out completely.

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Mark White

To:

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Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 3:28 PM

Subject:

FCC change proposal

William Safire says it better then I can.

The Great Media Gulp

By WILLIAM SAFIRE

#### **ASHINGTON**

The future formation of American public opinion has fallen into the lap of an ambitious 36-year-old lawyer whose name you never heard. On June 2, after deliberations conducted behind closed doors, he will decide the fate of media large and small, print and broadcast. No other decision made in Washington will more directly affect how you will be informed, persuaded and entertained.

His name is Kevin Martin. He and his wife, Catherine, now Vice President Dick Cheney's public affairs adviser, are the most puissant young "power couple" in the capital. He is one of three Republican members of the five-person Federal Communications Commission, and because he recently broke ranks with his chairman, Michael Powell (Colin's son), on a telecom controversy, this engaging North Carolinian has become the swing vote on the power play that has media moguls salivating.

The F.C.C. proposal remains officially secret to avoid public comment but was forced into the open by the two commission Democrats. It would end the ban in most cities of cross-ownership of television stations and newspapers, allowing such companies as The New York Times, Washington Post and Chicago Tribune to gobble up ever more electronic outlets. It would permit Viacom, Disney and AOL Time Warner to control TV stations with nearly half the national audience. In the largest cities, it would allow owners of "only" two TV stations to buy a third.

We've already seen what happened when the F.C.C. allowed the monopolization of local radio: today three companies own half the stations in America, delivering a homogenized product that neglects local news coverage and dictates music sales.

And the F.C.C. has abdicated enforcement of the "public interest" requirement in issuing licenses. Time was, broadcasters had to regularly reapply and show public-interest programming to earn continuance; now they mail the F.C.C. a postcard every eight years that nobody reads.

Ah, but aren't viewers and readers now blessed with a whole new world of hot competition through cable and the Internet? That's the shucks-we're-no-monopolists line that Rupert Murdoch will take today in testimony before the pussycats of John McCain's Senate Commerce Committee.

The answer is no. Many artists, consumers, musicians and journalists know that such protestations of cable and Internet competition by the huge dominators of content and communication are malarkey. The overwhelming amount of news and entertainment comes via broadcast and print. Putting those outlets in fewer and bigger hands profits the few at the cost of the many.

Does that sound un-conservative? Not to me. The concentration of power - political, corporate, media, cultural - should be anathema to conservatives. The diffusion of power through local control, thereby

encouraging individual participation, is the essence of federalism and the greatest expression of democracy.

Why do we have more channels but fewer real choices today? Because the ownership of our means of communication is shrinking. Moguls glory in amalgamation, but more individuals than they realize resent the loss of local control and community identity.

We opponents of megamergers and cross-ownership are afflicted with what sociologists call "pluralistic ignorance." Libertarians pop off from what we assume to be the fringes of the left and right wings, but do not yet realize that we outnumber the exponents of the new collectivist efficiency.

That's why I march uncomfortably alongside CodePink Women for Peace and the National Rifle Association, between liberal Olympia Snowe and conservative Ted Stevens under the banner of "localism, competition and diversity of views." That's why, too, we resent the conflicted refusal of most networks, stations and their putative purchasers to report fully and in prime time on their owners' power grab scheduled for June 2.

Must broadcasters of news act only on behalf of the powerful broadcast lobby? Are they not obligated, in the long-forgotten "public interest," to call to the attention of viewers and readers the arrogance of a regulatory commission that will not hold extended public hearings on the most controversial decision in its history?

So much of our lives should not be in the hands of one swing-vote commissioner. Let's debate this out in the open, take polls, get the president on the record and turn up the heat.

http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/22/opinion/22SAFI.html?ex=1054606641&ei=1&en=0d8c7f3c0bdcf46c

Chris Bagley

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 4:02 PM

Subject:

Closing the American Mind

#### Dear Commissioners.

I am writing to implore you all to please maintain the 35-percent limit on the share of listeners that can be reached by any one broadcast conglomerate, and to maintain the restrictions on cross-ownership, which sadly have been abrogated in several cases.

The 1996 Telecommunications Act has already allowed significant homogenization of American music and American political thought, and it's hard to see how any of you would believe we should continue this trend. Not only is this homogenization detrimental to culture in our country; as a key pillar of our democracy, plurality of opinion on matters of public interest must be fostered.

It's fairly clear to me that further consolidation would make most Americans dumber. Yet those of us who continue to reach outside the commercial mainstream for our ideas will long remember the significance of your vote next month. And historians whose publishers aren't owned by ClearChannel and similar profit-maximizers will not write kindly of a decision to allow further consolidation, either.

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Dave Shaeffer, K R McCollough, Thad Miller

Deb McCarver

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 4:48 PM

Subject:

Remember the PUBLIC INTEREST

According to the Center for Public Integrity's examination of the telecommunications industry:

- \* The three largest local phone companies control 83 percent of home telephone lines.
- \* The top two long distance carriers control 67 percent of that market.
- \* The four biggest cellular phone companies have 64 percent of the wireless market.
- \* The five largest cable companies pipe programming to 74 percent of the cable subscribers nationwide.

I believe that is more than enough corporate monopoly of what are supposed to be the PUBLIC airwaves. Please do not sacrifice the public interest that is supposed to be protected by the FCC - do not allow the further deregulation of the American media. I do not want a handful of corporations controlling my access to information and entertainment. Please vote against the deregulation on June 2. Thank you.

Debra S McCarver 102 English Ct Hendersonville TN 37075 615 826 1249

Dan Smith

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 5:32 PM

Subject:

Chairman Powell:

#### Chairman Powell:

As a person who teaches Intercultural Communication at the University of California, and as an Associate Dean in charge of International Students & Scholars, I am acutely aware, as you are, of the importance of a news media which presents a variety of opinions and viewpoints from a diversity of value orientations.

As you know, in order for a truly democratic society to exist, easy access to information about local and world events from a variety of sources is an absolute necessity. If the media of television, newspapers and radio are owned by a few mega-corporations, then our citizens will no longer be informed and educated, but rather, controlled and conditioned by the opinions of the few corporations who own the media. Freedom of choice from among the many possible interpretations of events will cease to exist, and without it, our ability to develop an understanding of the world, free from coercion and manipulation will also cease to exist. America will no longer be the "land of the free", but will join those dictatorial governments who always began to increase their power by controlling the media.

I am confident that you and your FCC Commissioners will do everything you can to preserve the rights of the American people to freedom of communication and access to information. The trust that we have placed in you requires that you have thought this through carefully as you consider the dangers of de-regulating the media. Thank you for taking that trust seriously.

Sincerely, Dan K. Smith, Ph.D. Associate Dean

CC:

Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps

Frank Kirkwood

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 5:36 PM

Subject:

Please stop the concentration of information resourses!

Please stop the concentration of information resourses! Please hold public hearings. Please delay the June 2nd vote!

Thank you, Frank Kirkwood, 2626 Glenchester Road, Wexford, PA 15090

Bill/Cynthia Tilden

To:

Michael Copps

Date: Subject: Tue, May 27, 2003 6:26 PM Return the airwaves to the public

On June 2nd please vote to not further restrict the ownership of the airwaves to even fewer rich and connected people who do not represent the American people. The airwaves are public and should not have been sold off to begin with. When you can, please work to reverse the terrible situation we are currently in where so few owners are dictating the limited content on the airwaves. Also, please require those who control the airwaves to make 50% time free to political candidates during elections. This is a key move that is necessary before fair elections can take place. Currently the politicians are owned by lobbyists because they can not otherwise afford to get their message out to the people. The airwaves belong to the public. Please return them to the public.

Bill and Cynthia Tilden 5499 Kales Ave. Oakland CA 94618 bctilden@earthlink.net

Allison Hays

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 6:28 PM

Subject:

FCC

Please do not allow local TV stations, newspaper, radio stations, & cable provider to all be owned by one company. The resulting concentration of ownership could be deeply destructive to our democracy.

Allison Hays
Allison M. Hays
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Barbara J Leissner

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 6:35 PM

Subject:

FCC regulations

Please do not relax the rules governing media ownership.. Thank you.. Barbara Leissner. Athens, Georgia

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To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Tue, May 27, 2003 7:49 PM

Subject:

AIRWAY MONOPOLY

MONEY IS AT IT AGAIN!! I DID NOT PURSUE MY INTEREST IN A CERTAIN RELIGION WHEN I DISCOVERED THAT ONE OF THEIR TENETS WAS THAT "NO OTHER RELIGION SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED OR RECOGNIZED AS EXISTING". SOUNDS LIKE OUR MEDIA IS ON THE SAME TRACK. CAN'T SEE ANY DIFFERENCE IN RUPERT MURDOCK AND COHORTS. GUESS WE'LL SOON HAVE TO GO OVERSEAS TO GET ANY MEDIA COVERAGE THAT IS RELIABLE.

bschon5075@aol.com Barbara Schonbachler 6320 N stat Av Fresno, Ca 93722

Niles T. Powell

To:

Michael Copps

Date: Subject: Tue, May 27, 2003 8:05 PM No More Clear Channels

- 1. I know you're probably not going to read this.
- 2. I know that you are in the pocket of the corporate media.
- 3. I know that you are selling out your integrity for the financial gain of your personal friends.
- 4. I know that this has been going on for years.
- 5. But I believe that, deep down, you know that what you are doing is immoral.

So, in spite of the first four points and because of the fifth, I am writing to express my complete opposition to the giveaway of the public airwaves to the corporate media.

Niles T. Powell

Oakland, California